



Cardinal Newman

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

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POLICY ON BEHAVIOUR

RATIONALE:

We believe that our Catholic Christian ethos calls us to have the highest expectations of our staff and students in the understanding that all are made in the image and likeness of God. To allow all members of the community to respond to these expectations we seek to create an environment for learning that is safe and characterised by mutual respect. In doing this we will strive to bring the love and forgiveness of God alive in all our dealings with each other and particularly when correcting students' behaviour.

Our behaviour policy supports us in ensuring good order in the school as well as helping all our students develop good character.

Throughout this policy we will reflect our mission statement of *"Together towards our Lord through learning, love and faith"*

Learning - All members of CNS learn right from wrong through consistency and fairness. *All students deserve to learn in an environment that is free from disruptions where students show patience, self-control so that learning can be a joyful experience.*

Love - All students are expected to promote peace, be kind and honestly sorry for any mistakes they make.

Faith - Guide the students through their relationship with God and provide opportunities for them to engage with their faith. Every opportunity will be used to engage with our school mission statement and values.. There is an innate sense of self belief that all things are 'possible through Christ who strengthens us. All members of our community are asked to be gentle in the way they interact and respond to people and use repair and rebuild meetings to put faith into action to either seek or offer forgiveness.

We expect our students to conduct themselves well, both inside and outside the school, by showing self-discipline and respect for others. All students are expected to respond promptly and obediently to the instructions of staff.

RELATED LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- Behaviour in schools Advice for headteachers and school staff (September 2022)
- Suspension and Permanent Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England including pupil movement (September 2022)
- Behaviour and discipline in schools: Guidance for governing bodies.
- Mental health and behaviour in schools guidance
- Special educational needs and disability 0-25 years code of practice
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010 and schools guidance.
- Education (Excluded Days of Detention) (England) Regulations 2007
- School and college behaviour and attendance: Searching, screening and confiscation at school.
- Education Act 1996.
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.
- Keeping children safe in education

The Department for Education's statutory guidance or departmental advice on Behaviour and Discipline in Schools, Searching, Screening and Confiscation (2018), the use of reasonable force, exclusion from maintained schools, academies and student referral units, as well as the Special Educational Needs & Disability Code of Practice, regulations governing exclusions and the Equality Act 2010.

Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years

Statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities January 2015 UKCCIS guidance, 'Sexting in schools and colleges: Responding to incidents and safeguarding young people' (January 2017)**BASIC**

PRINCIPLES:

- Governors recognise that they have a duty to promote teaching and learning in line with the Catholic ethos of the school whose purpose is learning in all its dimensions.
- We believe that learning cannot take place effectively without an orderly atmosphere and that if students are permitted to misbehave they not only prejudice their own educational chances but disrupt the education of those around them.
- We believe that unacceptable behaviour in some Students can be changed if staff, students, parents and governors all work together constructively and consistently to that end.
- We also recognise that we have a responsibility to society to train students in self-discipline, respect for others, the rule of law and the understanding of their rights and responsibilities thus enabling them to take their place in British society and contribute to the general good.
- We recognise that the students are young and are in the process of growing into adulthood and that the Headteacher should have regard to this in the application of sanctions and rewards, exercising the Catholic Christian virtues of forgiveness and reconciliation.
- We recognise that there are occasionally times when the Headteacher will have to balance the good of the individual against the good of the school as a whole.
- We will adhere to the most up-to-date government guidance in all matters concerning behaviour e.g. detentions, suspensions, searching students and banned items.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To strive in our dealings with each other to live up to Christ's call to love one another.
Objectives:
 - a. To develop strong relationships with students so that they want to behave well.
 - b. To provide positive adult role models of caring, considerate and co-operative behaviour.
 - c. To encourage all members of the community to own up and apologise when they have got things wrong.

2. To encourage all members of our community to exercise good manners, self-discipline and to value and respect each other's feelings, rights and property.
Objectives:
 - a. To make our expectations of good behaviour clear to all students in Assemblies, Tutor Time and Lessons and to make sure that these expectations are consistently explained.
 - b. To be polite and respectful towards each other.
 - c. To promote good behaviour and a proper regard for authority.

3. To maintain an ethos in which learning and achievement are encouraged, celebrated and viewed positively by all.
Objectives:
 - a. To set interesting and challenging tasks that will generate collaborative learning, enjoyment and opportunities for success.
 - b. To recognise and celebrate achievement and progress, placing the emphasis for encouraging good behaviour on praise and rewards.
 - c. To create an orderly atmosphere conducive to learning and effective teaching which does not tolerate low level disruption.

- d. To implement the **ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE** system consistently and effectively providing regular training for staff.
 - e. To seek to prevent poor behaviour e.g. by providing lockers to protect students' property; having whole-school classroom management strategies (such as seating plans) that anticipate inappropriate behaviour.
4. To respond justly to those who behave unacceptably, seeking to repair relationships through forgiveness and reconciliation, resulting in improved behaviour in the future.

Objectives:

- a. To tolerate nothing that would potentially harm a member of the community.
 - b. To ensure that all interventions are just and do not cause humiliation.
 - c. To use balanced, graduated responses to unacceptable behaviour.
 - d. To ensure that repair and rebuild meetings between staff and student or student and student are part of the discipline process.
 - e. To uphold the Uniform Policy through the use of Class Charts issuing exemption cards to pupils if parents write a note or contact their child's tutor explaining when the uniform infringement will be rectified which provides students and parents with opportunities to remedy incorrect uniform.*
5. To promote a strong partnership with parents/carers in all our efforts to maintain good behaviour in school.

Objectives:

- a. To inform parents and to seek their support in all matters relating to student behaviour in line with the Home School Agreement. Student commitment to community safety document to be considered as the Home School Agreement(see Appendix)
 - b. To encourage parents to engage in the education of their children through Key Stage Induction Evenings, Parents' Evenings, Presentation Evenings, Friends of Newman activities, Parent Council, Parent Services and other enrichment activities.
6. To ensure that all adults in the school share a common responsibility for maintaining good discipline, promoting the school's guidelines on good behaviour and following the school's systems for dealing with poor behaviour.

Objectives:

- a. To ensure that staff and others in a supervisory role enforce the expected standards around the school generally, in corridors, dining room, on the playground etc. and use Class Charts consistently.

To ensure that every effort is made to identify and support students with behavioural difficulties

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

EXPECTATIONS to support safety and our shared values and ethos:

UPHOLD OUR VALUES; RESPECT ALL OTHERS; STAY SAFE

1. Uphold the values and ethos of the school at all times, both in school and in the wider community
2. Be in full school uniform and wear it correctly, with pride
3. Be respectful of every member of the school and wider community including the environment, celebrating the differences that exist between people
4. Keep yourself and others safe through excellent behaviour and report behaviours that could place students and staff at risk.

EXPECTATIONS to support learning in lessons:

5. Arrive on time to lessons and enter the room quietly and begin the starter activity in silence.
6. Come to your lessons properly equipped and with homework complete
7. Follow instructions first time given and stay on task Raise your hand before answering or speaking Remain in your seat unless asked to move.
8. Treat others, their work and equipment / school resources with respect.

through our pastoral systems, Don Bosco Centre and St. Brigid's centre*The Uniform Policy is an integral part of the Behaviour Policy – see Appendix for details

SIXTH FORM:

The Behaviour Policy applies to all students in Y7 – 13. The sixth form is a beacon of best practice in the school and is expected to provide an example to the rest of the school community. The policy includes a separate section that outlines the school's additional expectations for students in the sixth form and the procedures that are used to ensure sixth form students meet those expectations. (See Section x of the Appendix)

RESPECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE STUDENTS

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is committed to promoting good behaviour, respect for the individual, preventing bullying and ensuring that all students can succeed by regulating the conduct of our students. However, we are also committed to safeguarding the interests of students against unfair or inappropriate interventions. Disciplinary sanctions will be reasonable and not breach any statutory requirement or prohibition. This includes the legislation on SEN, disability, race and other equalities and human rights. We will also take account of the student's age, any special educational needs or disability the student may have, and any religious requirements affecting the student.

STATEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY:

- No policy can be expected to cover all behaviours and the Governing Body present the Headteacher with the autonomy to manage incidents that might lie outside of this policy, in a way that is proportionate to the spirit of the policy.
- Parents and carers expect good behaviour in our school. Therefore, parents and carers are expected to support the school fully in the application of this policy and never seek an exception for their child.

- The school will seek to engage with parents / carers or respond to expressions of concern from parents / carers **where a pattern of poor conduct emerges**. The school will not routinely review individual incidents unless they are so serious they warrant investigation for consideration a suspension or permanent exclusion. This will form part of the normal process of investigation prior to any decision being made.
- Parents will be informed of the decision made regarding the application of this policy. However, these decisions will not be shared with other parents or students.

NON-CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

The school has the power to sanction students for non-criminal misbehaviour which occurs outside of school in the following circumstances:

For misbehaviour when the student is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity; or
- travelling to or from school; or
- wearing school uniform; or
- in some other way identifiable as a student at the school.

For misbehaviour at any time (whether or not the conditions above apply) that:

- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school; or
- poses a threat to another student or member of the public; or
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

Incidents involving the school's students that are witnessed by a member of staff or reported to the school by a member of the public (including parents) will be investigated and sanctions imposed where it is reasonable and proportionate to do so.

CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

The school has the power to sanction students for criminal misbehaviour which occurs outside of school.

Parents should be aware that the police work to a different standard of proof (i.e. beyond reasonable doubt) to the standard of proof applied by schools (i.e. on a balance of probabilities). The police also have to consider whether it is in the public interest to take formal action against a student. What this means is that, just because the police have decided to take no formal action against a student, this does not mean they have exonerated the student – it may just be that they have decided that it is not in the public interest to take formal action.

Where misbehaviour is reported to the school which could amount to a criminal offence, the school will investigate and consider whether it is reasonable and proportionate to impose a sanction on the student for that misbehaviour. This will involve liaising with the police to establish what action, if any, they are taking and the reasons for their decision. The school may impose a sanction even where the police have decided not to take any formal action.

Before imposing a sanction, the school will consider whether it has been able to obtain sufficient information about the incident to make a fair decision, as well as taking into account the punishing effect on a student of being subject to a police investigation.

SANCTIONS

The school will use a variety of sanctions depending on the nature and severity of the incident:

- Behaviour Points
- Detentions, before, during and after school
- Removal of privileges
- Removal of break and lunch time

- Isolation
- Seclusion
- Enrolment in the Don Bosco Centre (DBC) for an initial two week assessment of need.
- Suspension
- Managed Move Process (including the termination of a managed move if a pupil is dual registered at the school)
- Permanent Exclusion

REWARDS

The school believe that pupils should be acknowledged and recognised for displaying and developing excellent attitude and behaviour. Students will be rewarded by:

- Phone calls home from a teacher (subject or tutor).
- Post card sent home by tutor or subject staff.
- Achievement points leading to awards for meeting set parameters.
- Early passes into dinner with a friend for the most achievement points each week
- Weekly recognition awards from each subject department.
- Student of the month awards.
- Breakfast with the headteacher once a half term.
- Pupils with the least behaviour points given first access to end of school year trip.

The school will reward excellence and effort in a number of ways for both individuals and groups and remain open to increasing these

BANNED ITEMS:

The following items are always banned. In addition to this list, the school will from time to time, ban specific additional items which have become disruptive of the smooth running of the school.. Banned items will be confiscated and either handed to the police, destroyed or returned (depending on the item) at a later date as appropriate.

- Knives/weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal Drugs (and the paraphernalia associated with these)
- “Legal Highs” in any form
- Stolen items
- Tobacco, E-cigarettes, vapes, vape cartridges, cigarette papers, lighters and matches
- Fireworks
- Offensive material - pornographic, racist, homophobic, extremist material in any medium. (See also Safeguarding Policy and students referred under the PREVENT duty)
- Any article that a member of staff reasonably expects has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person, including the student
- Aerosol cans such as deodorants, hairspray and perfumes
- Chewing gum
- Mobile phones or smart watches (on the school site before school, during lessons and at break or times (see Appendix)
- Chains
- Catapults
- Tools (scissors, screwdriver, hammer, nails etc)
- Pepper sprays and gas canisters
- Any item fashioned to cause injury i.e. a sharpened stick, shard of glass
- Laser pens

- Dangerous chemicals (acids, hair dyes, bleaches, nail varnish remover etc)
- Stink bombs
- Solvents
- Energy drinks
- Super Glue
- Needles (Syringes if required for medical grounds should be kept in accordance with the pupils own care plan and the schools own drugs/medical policy)
- Rope, cable ties
- Fidget spinners (SEND department will determine what is acceptable to meet the needs of individual students).
- Items banned in the Uniform Policy (see Uniform Policy)

THE 'POWER TO SEARCH'

If we suspect a student is carrying a banned item

*For the purpose of this policy a “weapon” is any firearm of any description, including starting pistols, air guns and any type of replica or toy gun; knives, including **all variations of bladed object** including pocket knives, pen knives, multi-tools, craft knives, scissors etc; explosives, including fireworks, aerosol sprays, lighters and matches; laser pens or other object, even if manufactured for a non-violent purpose that has a potentially violent use, if, in the circumstances, the purpose of keeping or carrying the object is for use, or threat of use, as a weapon.*

We believe that the most effective way to keep weapons out of our school is by educating young people in better behaviour and in the dangers of illegally carrying a weapon. A range of activities contributing to maintaining the safe environment of our school will be delivered in school e.g. programmes on improving behaviour, curriculum opportunities for learning about responsibility, conflict, and safety and other programmes for young people on parenting and anger management.

It is illegal to bring a weapon into school and any offender will be reported to the police and could face permanent exclusion. The head teacher and members of the Senior Leadership Team can therefore in exceptional circumstances, search students even without their consent, when they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that a student has a knife or other weapon. They can search a student on school premises or anywhere else where students are under the charge of the member of staff conducting the search, (such as during an off-site educational visit) for a weapon or any of the other materials used in the heading above.

In most situations, staff will not attempt to do this but will call for police assistance. If however, members of the Leadership Team decide that they have no choice but to conduct a search, they must comply with conditions specified in the statutory power e.g. a second person must be present who is of the same sex as the student searched. A student who refuses to be screened for suspected possession of offensive weapons, will be refused entry to the school and this will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

A Student’s possessions can be searched without consent. The search may be carried out by any member of staff; the student must be present.

The school may search for any banned item that they have reason to believe is being carried by a student.

Parental consent is not required when searching a student for a banned item.

The government's 'Searching, screening and confiscation at school' guidance, has been updated. The latest document (DfE January 2018) includes a new section, 'Statutory guidance for dealing with electronic devices'. Other than this section, the previous guidance still holds.

A summary of the new section is below:

Staff may lawfully search electronic devices, without consent or parental permission, if there is a suspicion that the pupil has a device prohibited by school rules, or the staff member has good reason to suspect the device may be used to:

- cause harm,
- disrupt teaching,
- break school rules,
- commit an offence,
- cause personal injury, or
- damage property.

Any data, files or images that are believed to be illegal must be passed to the police as soon as practicable, including pornographic images of children, without deleting them.

Any data, files or images that are not believed to be unlawful, may be deleted or kept as evidence of a breach of the school's behaviour policy.

CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

Students are expected to wear full school uniform; adhere to the school's policy on jewellery and should not have a mobile phone out or smart watch on during the school day. Failure to follow these school rules may lead to certain items being confiscated by staff. Teachers who confiscate items are responsible for their safe-keeping and should make sure that the period of confiscation is appropriate to the level of disruption caused by the student. Other articles which are disruptive to the smooth running of the school may also be confiscated. In this case, Staff will be expected to use their professional judgement.

Mobile phones and smart watches that have been confiscated will be locked in the main office for security purposes. They will only be returned to parents/carers or a suitable adult and not to students.

The headteacher may ask a student to leave the premises briefly to remedy breaches of school uniform or appearance. This will be for no longer than it takes to remedy the breach and is an authorised absence, not suspension. If the student fails to return it will be considered truancy and an unauthorised absence. If the student continues to breach uniform regulations in order to avoid school, it will be counted as unauthorised. In making these decisions, the headteacher will give due consideration to age, degree of vulnerability of the student and parents will always be notified.

RECORDING INCIDENTS

Incidents will be investigated by an appropriate member of staff. Staff and students will be asked to complete statements and to sign and date them. If a student refuses to write an account of an incident it will be noted that they have been offered the opportunity but declined. Parental consent is not required for the taking of statements.

Appendix A

This sets out more details about the above as well as providing information about some specific behavioural issues including how we will deal with persistent poor behaviour

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING OUR BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDANCE

A - MANAGING BEHAVIOUR IN THE CLASSROOM

I. ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE – ACHIEVEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Students can receive Achievement Points and Behaviour Points. There are rewards for Achievement Points and sanctions for Behaviour Points that are linked to the School Expectations. These points are available to both pupils and parents on Class Charts. Points are awarded as follows:

Expectation	Action	Consequence
<p>ACHIEVEMENT POINTS</p> <p>A</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High quality written work. 2. High quality verbal answers. 3. High quality group work. 4. High quality homework. 5. Asking thoughtful/probing questions. 6. Behaviour that is kind and helps others learn. 7. Trying your best 	<p>1 achievement point for each leading to:</p> <p>Awards for meeting set parameters.</p> <p>Early passes into dinner with a friend for the most achievement points each week</p> <p>Weekly recognition awards from each subject department.</p>
<p>BEHAVIOUR POINTS</p> <p>(organisation, being ready to learn)</p> <p>O</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrive on time to lessons. 2. Come to your lessons properly equipped including homework and student planner/ PE Kit/ Ingredients for Food Technology. 	<p>1 behaviour point</p> <p>1 behaviour point</p>
<p>BEHAVIOUR POINTS</p> <p>(disrupting learning/ failure to engage with learning)</p> <p>D</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the room quietly and begin starter task in silence. 2. Follow instructions first time given and stay on task 3. Raise your hand before answering or speaking. 4. Remain in your seat unless asked to move. 5. Treat others, their work and equipment with respect. 	<p>Name on Board = 1 behaviour point</p> <p>Name on Board + tick = 2 behaviour points</p> <p>Remove = 3 behaviour points</p>

8. IMPLEMENTING THE ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM (AD)

a) Managing the environment

- Achievement Points and Behaviour Points are recorded on the board so students can see where they are and to avoid any confusion or argument. In some lessons such as PE it is not possible to write names on a board so a verbal indication is sufficient.
- Only students who disrupt the lesson can be sent to Remove as a 3rd Consequence OR a Serious Incident
- At the start of the lesson students should come straight into the classroom, and stand behind their chairs in silence. The teacher will greet the class:

TEACHER: *Good morning/afternoon everyone*

CLASS: *Good morning/afternoon Miss/Sir*

TEACHER: *Please sit down, books, pencil cases and planners out and begin the starter activity in silence*

We have this expectation because some students do not automatically have good manners and it is our job to help instil these and ensure students practise them so that they become habitual.

b) Managing rule breaking:

As has already been noted, the rules must be enforced as consistently and fairly as possible. We do expect teachers to remember they are building relationships as they apply these rules but stress that the school will support any teacher who applies the rules with fairness and in a way that is consistent. To assist understanding of these rules a general explanation is applied to each:

1. Arrive on time to lessons and enter the room quietly and begin the starter activity in silence— *students should enter quietly and greet their teacher politely. If they are late / chatting / not following this expectation they will have their name put on the board.*
2. Follow instructions first time given and stay on task – *students must listen carefully, do their best to understand the instructions, ask questions if they do not understand in an orderly way and remain engaged in their work at all times. Sitting doing nothing is not acceptable as it sets an example that not working hard is OK. It is not. **Students must never argue about AD in the lesson (see ensuring fairness below)***
3. Raise your hand before answering or speaking – *teachers may invite discussion work or pair work that involves the class speaking together, but it will remain orderly at all times. At normal times in the classroom the students must remain quiet while the lesson is in progress. Chatting for any reason – even something as innocent as asking to borrow equipment from a neighbour – may lead to a BP as it is impossible for a teacher to distinguish between genuine need and idle chat*
4. Remain in your seat unless asked to move – *students must always follow the seating plan of the teacher without question. A change of seating plan may be requested following a discussion with a teacher outside of the lesson, but the teacher will always make the final decision*
5. Treat others, their work and equipment with respect – *this includes the way that the student works in the lesson. Their work should be neat, set out in accordance with school expectations and be **their** best – teachers will know some students struggle with aspects of presentation and will make an appropriate adjustment*

c) Third Consequences and Serious Incidents:

AD works with a series of consequences and serious incidents:

i. The 3rd Consequence rule

Students have 3 chances in every lesson to do the right thing. They may make 2 rule infringements without the serious consequence of being sent to Remove. A further consequence means a student is sent to Remove. The process is set out below:

First rule infringement (Under D above)	NAME ON THE BOARD – the student receives a behaviour point
Second rule infringement (Under D above)	ONE TICK – the student receives a second warning about their behaviour and another behaviour point
Third rule infringement (Under D above)	REMOVE – the student is sent out of class and spends the rest of the lesson in the Remove centre. The student also has a detention after school (see Head of Year Detentions)

ii. Serious incidents

This is any incident **the teacher** deems so serious that the lesson cannot continue with the student in the room. This will always include any arguing with the teacher or member of support staff, confrontation with another student, dangerous behaviour, abusive language and/or aggressive behaviour and could include a wide range of other situations that are deemed serious by the teacher at that time.

d) Remove

Students sent to Remove must work in silence. There is no other place for a student to go other than Remove and a student who does not behave is almost certain to face a day in isolation and the parent/carer will be required to come into school for a meeting.

- Students sent to Remove spend the rest of that lesson in Remove and then return to normal lessons.
- Any student persistently sent to Remove (more than twice in a half term) will spend two days in isolation before returning to class to ensure the learning of other students can learn without continuous interruption. (See also *Section D: Supporting Student Improvement* below)

As part of the 'Remove' sanction and reflecting the seriousness of the situation, all students sent to Remove also complete a Head of Year after school detention

A member of staff who sends a pupil to remove must ring and speak to the parent to identify next steps to ensure this behaviour is not repeated. There must be a restorative justice meeting with the member of staff

A member of staff who sends the same student to Remove twice in a half-term will meet with the student and parents, with the Head of the relevant Department.

e) Ensuring fairness and justice

In line with the expectations in applying this policy, where a parent or carer feels there is a persistent picture of injustice in the management of behaviour, they may contact their child's Head of Year in the first instance to discuss the matter further. The parent / carer will be expected to outline any concerns about the application of this policy; the policy itself is not negotiable.

Parents and Carers may request that the Head of Year investigate a Serious Incident if they feel there has been a serious injustice. The Head of Year and assistant headteacher will make the final decision, consulting with the Deputy Headteacher in charge of school discipline and behaviour where necessary to ensure there is consistency across the school. This decision is final.

Where a Remove visit of any kind is overturned all associated sanctions will be withdrawn.

B – SPECIFIC BEHAVIOUR ISSUES

1. TRUANCY

If a student is found to be truanting from a lesson then they are placed in isolation for the rest of that day and make up the time missed due to truancy in a detention set by the department.

If a student truant for a whole day on their return to school they are placed in isolation, followed by a parental meeting and off the playground for 5 days.

If truancy is persistent then specific sanctions will be put in place that bring about an immediate response to these actions to ensure learning missed is caught up as soon as possible.

Following any type of truancy a student is placed onto tutor report and the incident recorded on CPOMS.

2. BEHAVIOUR ON THE BUSES

A great deal of effort has gone into securing buses for students by staff, parents and carers. The expectation is that students will be a credit to the school when they travel on these buses. Poor behaviour on the buses will always be investigated and the school will always take a zero tolerance approach to students who let others down through their poor behaviour. The school expects every student to follow the long standing rule that Y7&8 sit downstairs and older students use the upper deck. Where there is poor behaviour:

- a) A member of staff is usually on duty at the end of each day on each of the nine buses to ensure the smooth departure of students from the school at the end of the day – *good behaviour should be automatic and is not dependent on the member of staff being present*
- b) The school may ask ARRIVA for CCTV if necessary (ARRIVA will show CCTV to the school but not to Parents / Carers due to Data Protection regulations).
- c) The school will ban students from the dedicated school buses for a period of time / indefinitely if they persist in misbehaving / are involved in a serious incident. They will not be allowed access to the buses on the school site and will serve a period in isolation / suspension if they attempt to use the bus either in the morning or at the end of the day.
- d) Tutors should make sure that students know that any incidents they report will be treated in confidence wherever possible.

3. BEHAVIOUR ON THE PLAYGROUND

The school expects students to behave well and to show high levels of responsibility at breaktime and lunchtime. Students who do not follow the school's expectations with respect to good conduct at break and lunchtime will be issued 2 behaviour points and attend a lunchtime detention. If this becomes a consistent issue the student will be required to attend a closely supervised space at breaktime and lunchtime for a period of 5 days. This sanction is in response to the difficulties presented by a minority of students who, left unchallenged, make break and lunchtime periods difficult to manage for the rest of the school. Where problems persist, students will be required to attend Supervision for an indefinite period of time. Students should be playing safely on the playground and pupils and staff should feel safe

- Any running and playing games e.g. football but should be done safely.
- No pushing
- No jumping on others
- No "it's only Playfighting, they don't mind, they're my friend"
- No chanting

Reasons for a behaviour point at break or lunchtime include:

- Any kind of unwanted touching / inappropriate touching
 - Any kind of violent incident or verbal confrontation
 - Excessively silly behaviour (eg. mock fighting)
 - Crowding around an incident between two other students
 - Responsible for escalating a dispute between other students / groups
 - Persistent silly behaviour
- Disruption to learning areas at break / lunchtime (eg. running through the building or being in out of bounds areas) his not an exhaustive list and may be added to at the discretion of the Headteacher for any given incident where it is a reasonable and proportionate management response.

4. SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS / PSYCHO-ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

The school is a no-smoking area and this applies to students and staff. The school has a zero tolerance attitude to any illegal substance due to the danger they may present to users.

- Students found smoking or using any substance will be reported to the HOY, they will spend the rest of the day and/or the following day in isolation and parents/carers contacted.
- If students are found smoking or using any substance on repeated occasions may result in a suspension followed by parents/carers meeting in school. Any student using an illegal substance will usually receive a suspension.

- Possession of drugs is a criminal offence and any illegal substances found will be confiscated and given to the police who may decide to take criminal action. Alcohol and tobacco will be confiscated and disposed of.
- Possession with intent to supply, or supplying, are very serious criminal offences which attract custodial sentences. Any student found doing this will always be reported to the police. It is a serious breach of the school behaviour policy as it is highly likely to be damaging to the welfare of others in the school.

All incidents will be recorded on CPOMs.

There are procedures for dealing with smoking and these are outlined in the school's Drug Education Policy. The same applies to students suspected of having or taking alcohol or drugs.

5. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

During their time at secondary school young people move from being children, through adolescence to being young adults. It is a time of mental and physical growth including sexual awareness and can be a confusing and insecure time. While school can be one of the places to discuss these changes it is essential that students are protected and safeguarded at this time from unwanted and inappropriate sexual advances or contact from other students. It is never appropriate to touch another student sexually or to make sexually suggestive remarks (in person or via social media) and any behaviour of this sort will be dealt with severely, taking into account the age and previous behaviour of the students as well as the seriousness of the incident. Parents will always be informed as will the police and other agencies if warranted by the nature of the incident. Any incidents of child on child abuse will be recorded on CPOMs.

6. SCHOOL UNIFORM STANDARDS:

Students are expected to wear the school uniform in full for the entire duration of the school year.

The school's Uniform Policy sets out the school uniform in detail and any breach of this policy will be a breach of the Behaviour Policy and pupils will be issued with 2 behaviour points. Pupils will attend a detention at lunchtime and if they have a note from a parent/carer they will be issued with an exemption note until the following Monday so that pupils/parents/carers have a weekend to rectify the uniform infringement.

. Students will be expected to accept the judgement of the member of staff in full and not argue.

The school keeps a supply of good quality, nearly new uniform which parents are welcome to purchase cheaply and in confidence. In addition, the family worker usually has a supply of vouchers towards the cost of school shoes.

"Teachers can discipline pupils for breaching the school's rules on appearance or uniform. This should be carried out in accordance with the school's published behaviour policy". (DfE Guidance on School Uniform) Please note that this could mean detention, the student sent home to correct their uniform, or suspension if a problem persists.

Failure to hand over a planner or exercise book with their name on it will result in an immediate after school detention with the Headteacher / member of SLT.

7. CORRIDOR / GENERAL CIRCULATION BEHAVIOUR:

Students are required to move calmly around the school site. They should be polite, be patient, be kind and be mindful of others. At all times students should adhere to the one way system in the school both. We are a large school with corridors and route ways that were not designed for our student number, so we must manage the flow of students very carefully to maintain good order and student safety. In particular students are expected to:

- Walk calmly and swiftly between lessons so they are not late (no running, no pushing, No jumping on others, No “it's only Playfighting, they don't mind, they're my friend”)
- Follow the one way system at all times unless directed to follow a different route by a member of staff.
- Talk quietly and avoid shouting. We do NOT expect silence and want students to enjoy one another's company as they move from lesson to lesson respectfully and calmly.
- Avoid congregating in large groups that block the flow of students around the school and present a hazard

Follow teachers' instructions immediately and without any arguing. Students not behaving in a way that is consistent with these expectations will have their Standards' Card signed by the member of staff stopping the student. To assist students in ensuring they are on time for lesson a bell will sound five minutes before the end of break and lunch. Students not at their lesson by the time of the second bell will be marked late.

8. MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEIR MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

With the development of e-tickets on the buses, which are cheaper and safer than paper tickets, it is no longer fair to ban students from bringing their mobile phones to school with them. However, it remains the advice of the school that students do not bring phones or other electronic devices to school as they are very expensive and desirable items and the school accepts no liability for phones or other electronic devices which are lost, damaged or stolen while at school, and will not undertake investigations in this respect.

- a) Mobile phones are BANNED FROM BEING USED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY from the moment students arrive on the school site until the end of the school day (15:00). Phones and Smartwatches must be switched OFF and kept in students' bags and NOT trouser pockets. Accordingly, parents should not telephone or text their children during the school day. Reception staff are able to take and pass on messages to students from parents.
- b) Students found with their phone OR Smartwatch out of their bag or in their trouser pocket at any time during the school day will have their phone confiscated, and may be sanctioned. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, STUDENTS MUST NOT HAVE THEIR PHONES OR SMART WATCHES IN THEIR HANDS OR TROUSER POCKET AT ALL WHILE THEY ARE AT SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. Confiscated phones or smart watches will be handed into Reception with the name of the student and the name of the member of staff who confiscated the phone. The first time, the phone will be retained by the school until Friday of that week when it can be collected BY A PARENT/CARER ONLY.
- c) The second time, the phone or smartwatch will be retained by the school until the end of that half-term, WHEN IT CAN ONLY BE COLLECTED BY A PARENT/CARER. The third and subsequent times, the phone will be retained by the school for the remainder of the school year and may not be returned at all.
- d) THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR THEFT OF MOBILE PHONES (OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES) WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED AND RETAINED BY THE SCHOOL.
- e) Sixth formers are allowed to use mobile phones and other electronic devices, but should do so discreetly. Sixth form students are not permitted to use or handle their mobile phones or other electronic devices during lessons, except where they have a teacher's permission for a specific action (for example, photographing the board or work). Students will be sanctioned if they breach this rule.
- f) Students may ask to make a telephone call from a school phone in reception. Headphones/earphones are not allowed in school as they are connected to an unseen phone which is being used; if you are seen being used they will be confiscated. Once confiscated they will be handed into reception to be locked away. If it is the first time that term, they can collect

by the student at the end of that week. If it is the second time that term the earphones can ONLY be collected by a parent/carer at the end of that week.

- g) If you a student refuses to hand over the item, it will ALWAYS be referred to the head of year and assistant headteacher and a pupil will be put into isolation until the item is handed over. If refusal continues a parent/carer will be required to come into school to collect them.

COOPERATION WITH THE SCHOOL, IT'S ETHOS and VALUES

1. Supporting investigations

The school has a clear ethos and has established clear values. We expect all students in our school to cooperate fully with any investigation into wrongdoing by others in the school. Students present at an incident are required to note who they were with, what they saw, what they heard and where they were. They may be asked for more details depending on the nature of the incident.

It is never acceptable for a student to say nothing in light of an investigation. We are a community, and we rely on the support we receive from one another. A student who refuses to give a statement may allow a serious incident to go unpunished, a victim to go without justice and a perpetrator to go without correction.

We are careful to maintain confidentiality as far as is possible during an investigation mindful that students may want to be supportive of the school but will not wish to let a friend down even though they have done something wrong. Students need to accept that if someone has done something wrong it needs to be addressed.

Students who do not support the school will face an appropriate and proportionate sanction.

2. Honesty and integrity

The school works to very high standards to safeguard the welfare of students in the school. Students who are dishonest and / or make malicious or vexatious allegations or remarks about a member of staff will be subject to serious sanction by the school that is proportionate to the incident.

C - SANCTIONS

For students who persistently misbehave the following escalating sanctions may be applied. Where a student commits a serious breach of the school behaviour policy the school may move immediately to more serious sanctions, including permanent exclusion the headteacher will exercise appropriate discretion in the application of these polices.

AFTER SCHOOL DETENTIONS	<p>1. Head of Year detentions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who is sent to Remove receives a 30-minute detention • Each week the HOY identifies all those who have received 5 or more BPs in the previous week. Students who receive 5 or more behaviour points over the course of a week are detained for 60 minutes after school. • If a student has been sent to remove and they also receive 5 or more behaviour points, they are detained for 90 minutes after school. <p>2. Headteacher detention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any student who does not attend their Head of Year detention will be detained for 120 minutes until 5pm • Any student who fails to turn up to a 20-minute lunchtime detention when they have been given a second chance will be detained for 120 minutes until 5pm • Any student who refuses to hand over their planner or exercise book to give their name to a member of staff will be detained for 120 minutes until 5pm <p>3. Students on Report who fail to get their Report signed / completed may be subject to detentions without notice to parents / carers</p>
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	<p>4. Class teachers may also set after-school detentions for incomplete homework or classwork where required. Parents of students who fail to attend these detentions will be expected to attend a meeting with the class teacher / Head of Department to discuss the student's learning and arrange the completion of the work. These detentions are in place to ensure quality learning.</p>
<p>ISOLATION Parents/carers are always required to attend a meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students do not attend lessons and spend the day in a separate, supervised room where there is work they can complete. • For students who have persistently misbehaved, engaged in early stages of bullying or refused to go to Remove. • Isolation may also be used where the Headteacher determines it is necessary in order to maintain good order and high standards in the school • The school will also isolate a student during the period of an investigation into an incident e.g. involved in a fight. Where a student is found to be in the wrong, this period of isolation may be included as part of a sanction that may follow at the discretion of the Headteacher. If a pupil does not need to remain in isolation following an investigation it will not be recorded as an isolation on class charts. • Students who are sent to remove twice in 10 days will be isolated for two days. • Students sent to remove more than two times in a half-term will be isolated for two days.
<p>SECLUSION <u>all coded as isolation</u> <u>are we all agreed this does not work?</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students work on their own supervised by the senior staff. Their classwork is brought to them and they are not allowed to mix with other students at any time. • After Isolation, this is the next level of punishment for those who persistently misbehave. It is intended to help families as we seek to avoid suspensions. • Students arrive and leave at the discretion of the school. • Students are expected to bring a packed lunch / will be allocated a packed lunch if on FSM • Following Seclusion a meeting between SLT, HOY, student and parents must take place. Notes of meeting recorded and copied to HOY for file.
<p>SUSPENSION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is for more serious incidents at the discretion of the Headteacher. This will be used (for example) for students who have committed a serious offence e.g. sworn at a member of staff; attacked a fellow student; repeated defiance or refusal to respond to authority. <i>No behaviour policy can list all the reasons for suspensions, but all suspensions will be for issues that are either serious (similar to the examples identified above) or persistent in nature</i> • Students are kept at home for between 1-5 days with school setting work for each of those days • The maximum possible length of suspension is 45 days. After five days, students must be placed in an alternative educational establishment). • A meeting must take place between parents, student, SLT and HOY before student can be readmitted to classes. Notes of meeting recorded and copied to HOY for file.
<p>PERMANENT EXCLUSION (PEX)</p>	<p>This is a rare occurrence and is only for students whose presence at school is considered to present a threat/risk to others [e.g. they have brought weapons to school, dealt in drugs or caused serious physical or mental harm to another student]. Further details are outlined in the section 'PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS'</p>
<p>SUPERVISED BREAK AND LUNCH TIMES</p>	<p>See section entitled BEHAVIOUR IN THE PLAYGROUND above. This sanction is for those who misbehave either inside or outside at break and/or lunchtime. Students in break time supervision must bring a packed lunch (Free School Meals students should get a sandwich from the dining room)</p>
<p>WITHDRAWAL OF PRIVILEGES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school may withdraw privileges for persistent poor behaviour / one off incidents of poor behaviour. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher. This will include events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of year reward trip - Prom - Overseas school trips

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UK based school trips - In-school celebration events <p>Where permission is withdrawn, the school will not provide a refund of any monies paid towards the trip at the point of withdrawal and the parent / carer may still be liable for the full cost of the trip.</p>
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Informing parents:

- Government Guidance does not require the school to inform parents / carers of any detentions, but we would usually do so.
- Parents will usually be Informed by letter, text message, phone call or note in the diary
- It is the responsibility of parents to get their child to / from all detentions. This is non-negotiable, although the Headteacher may support the postponement of a detention where there is an unavoidable and one-off family emergency

Investigating and Recording Incidents:

- Incidents will be recorded in detail by staff involved in the investigation and all staff and student statements will be signed and dated.
- Statements should be based on facts and direct observation
- Teachers taking statements from students must do so in the 1st person and ask the student to read, sign and date the summary
- Students accused of wrong-doing may refuse to give a statement. Teachers should note any refusal to provide a statement as the school has a responsibility to give every student the chance to respond to accusations

D - SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENT

I. REPORT CARDS

In order to monitor students’ behaviour, praise improvements and intervene quickly if there appears to be a deterioration in behaviour, students may be given a Report Card which must be given to the teacher for signing in every lesson during the day. The Card must also be signed by the issuing member of staff at the start of the day, at break time, at lunchtime and at the end of the day. Lastly the parents must sign the report each evening. The Report Cards used are as follows:

TUTOR REPORT CARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by the Tutor when a student has been sent to Remove. • A student has 2 HOY detentions in a half term. • A student has 2 FND detentions in a half term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor report with form tutor for three weeks. • Conversation between tutor and parent before the end of the first week on report. • If a pupil is failing to respond while on tutor report: tutor meets with parent/carer and three-week period starts again.
HOY REPORT CARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by the HOY when a student has been sent to Remove more than two times in a half term. • Following parental meeting with the tutor and another failed tutor report • Student has been involved in a serious incident, has demonstrated a poor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOY report ensuring 3 good consecutive weeks • HOY documented target setting meeting with parent/carer. • Conversation between HOY and parent/carer

	attitude to staff or has been involved in bullying.	before the end of the second week on report.
SLT REPORT CARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued by SLT after an FTE. • Student sent to Remove more than 2 times within a half term since coming off report following Stage 1. <u><i>This is important as we must give students a fresh start after they have secured improvement.</i></u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT Report ensuring 3 good consecutive weeks • SLT Meeting documented target setting meeting with parent/carer including the lead practitioner for the DBC team. • Conversation between SLT and parent/carer before the end of the second week on report.

Green Report Cards have an academic focus and are intended to monitor progress and homework completion – it is not a behaviour card.

2. MANAGING PERSISTENT POOR CONDUCT THROUGH A PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR SLT AND HEADS OF YEAR

The school will work to support students presenting difficult behaviours through structured and clear stages of support and intervention. The table below shows these stages in detail. The school reserves the right to accelerate progress through these stages where there is good reason to do so.

MANAGING PERSISTENT POOR CONDUCT SUPPORT PROGRAMME STAGES AND CONSEQUENCES

Stage	Possible Behaviour Triggers	Consequence	HOY / SLT support
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more BP in a day = lunchtime detention • Uniform infringement = lunchtime detention • 5 or more BP in a week = HOY detention • Student sent to Remove • Continued inability to meet school expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to attend given two opportunities = detention after school 2 hours • Detention after school = 2 hours • Detention after school = 30 minutes • 2 HOY detentions in a half - term • 2 FND in a half-term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor report with form tutor for three weeks. • Conversation between tutor and parent before the end of the first week on report. • If a pupil is failing to respond while on white report tutor meets with parent/carer and three week period starts again.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is sent to Remove more than 2 times in a half term. • 3rd HOY detention in a half-term • 3rd FND in a half-term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is isolated for 2 days for persistent poor behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOY report ensuring 3 good consecutive weeks • HOY documented target setting meeting with parent/carer. • Conversation between HOY and parent/carer before the end of the second week on report.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student sent to Remove more than 2 times within a half term since coming off report following Stage 1. <u><i>This is important as we must give students a fresh start after they have secured improvement.</i></u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is isolated for 2 days for persistent poor behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT Report ensuring 3 good consecutive weeks • SLT documented meeting with parent/carer and Lead Practitioner of the Don Bosco Centre.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th HOY detention in a half-term • 4th FND in a half-term 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation between SLT and parent/carer before the end of the second week on report.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student sent to Remove more than 2 times within a half term since coming off report following Stage 2. <i>This is important as we must give students a fresh start after they have secured improvement.</i> • 5th HOY detention in a half - term • 5th FND in a half - term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student enrolled in the Don Bosco Centre for persistent poor behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT Report ensuring 3 good consecutive weeks • SLT meets with parents and Lead Professional on Behaviour • Initial assessment in Don Bosco Centre to create a written Pastoral Support Plan through Don Bosco Centre.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student sent to Remove more than 2 times within a half term since coming off report following Stage 3. <i>This is important as we must give students a fresh start after they have secured improvement.</i> • 6th HOY detention in a half-term • 6th FND detention in a half-term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student excluded for 3 days for persistent poor behaviour • Parents invited to consider a Managed Move* to another school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher meeting with parents. • Student may re-enrol to Don Bosco Centre for extended period of time. • Student may be referred external agencies for support and guidance. • Managed Move process to another school may be offered. • DHT or HT Report following re-integration ensuring 3 good consecutive weeks.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student sent to Remove more than 2 times within a half term since coming off report following Stage 4. <i>This is important as we must give students a fresh start after they have secured improvement.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headteacher to consider Permanent Exclusion 	

- SEND students will be supported in line with their EHC plans to ensure they have the opportunity to meet the school's expectations
- Where a student is to be moved from Stage 2 to 3, 3 to 4 or 4 to 5, a discussion will always take place
- A meeting with parents will always take place to move a student between stages. The school has the discretion to move a student in the unlikely event that a parents / carer refuses to engage.
- *Managed Moves are only appropriate where a student is likely to make the most of a fresh start at a new school

3. MANAGED MOVES

A Managed Move is when a student is sent to have a fresh start at another school by the arrangement of the Local Authority's PUPIL PLACEMENT PANEL (PPP). This is only done with the agreement of the parents. A Student's case for a Managed Move is sent to the PPP, (made up of representatives from LBC, various alternative providers around the town and a representative from each High School) who will decide whether a Managed Move is a suitable next step. Schools then take it in turn to take students. Students who are referred to the PPP could also have been permanently excluded from their original school.

Before the student comes to us we meet with their previous school and any other agencies that have been involved to discuss the student and hear about any particular help he/she might need. Then we meet with the parents and the student. Students have a twelve week trial period at the new school before they are taken off the role of their previous school. Regular review meetings are held during the twelve weeks. It is important that the students demonstrate by their attitude to staff, work (e.g. how they keep their exercise books) and other students that they really do want to start again. The managed move is a last chance for students to turn their poor behaviour around.

E – SUSPENSIONS AND PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS

Suspensions and permanent exclusions are subject to specific rules and guidance issued by the Department of Education (see *DfE Statutory Guidance School Exclusion*)

Suspensions and Permanent Exclusions can only be authorised by the Headteacher. Parents have the right to Appeal both types of exclusion.

F – REWARDS AT CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our data monitoring shows that we reward students approximately 3-4 times as often as we punish them. Receiving rewards improves students' self-esteem, encourages them to feel they belong to the school and leads to increased pride in their school and in their own performance..

G – MONITORING OF BEHAVIOUR

- a) The following are monitored by SLT and HOYs half-termly and the Local Governing Body throughout the academic year. The data is also examined by Gender, SEN, Student Premium, EAL and LAC groups:
- b) Attendance
- c) Remove visits
- d) Isolation
- e) Suspensions
- f) In addition HOYs monitor Behaviour and Achievement Points weekly and display this as a table so that students can see their tally and compete to improve on a weekly basis.
- g) Heads of Department monitor AD regularly and discuss this with their SLT Link in weekly meetings.. In particular they look for any signs that staff need support in how to use the AD system consistently and fairly.
- h) Tutors monitor their class' achievement and behaviour daily.
- i) HOYs to check class charts at the end or start of everyday to see if a pupil has been sent to remove
- j) HOYs and Year Teams conduct Pastoral Drop Ins to observe their students and report back to SLT.
- k) Behaviour and Achievement data including Bullying Data is reported to Governors..

SECTION H - NEWMAN SIXTH



I. EXPECTATIONS

The above Policy applies to all students but the expectations for students in Newman Sixth are higher than for those in Years 7-11.

Although expectations for Newman Sixth are similar to the main school, they include a distinct and different challenge that students must produce work that is of a high standard relative to the prior attainment of each student and be reflective of hard work.

Students joining Newman Sixth form will sign an agreement upon enrolment that confirms their commitment to:

- Complete a 3 course equivalent Level 3 pathway. Employers and Universities wish to recruit students with resilience and determination and it is our expectation that students start and complete a 3 course Level 3 Pathway (i.e. 3 x A Levels or equivalent)

2. NEWMAN SIXTH RULES

Expectations to support safety and our shared values and ethos:

- a) Uphold the values and ethos of the school at all times, both in school and in the wider community
- b) Be respectful of every member of the school and wider community, including the differences that exist between people
- c) Keep yourself and others safe through your excellent behaviour and wearing identity lanyards
- d) To behave responsibly, politely and maturely as befits Sixth Form students, dressing in an appropriate manner suitable for the work place.
- e) Observe the Uniform Policy in respect to Sixth Form.

Expectations to support learning in lesson:

- a) Come to your lessons properly equipped and with independent study complete to a high standard
- b) Arrive on time to lessons and support the teacher in making a prompt start
- c) Engage in all learning activities to a high standard, working hard at all times
- d) Complete all set work by the agreed time and to the best of your ability. In addition you should undertake support work and background reading to supplement your course.

- e) Use positively the private study time which you have as part of your timetable and respond positively to extended supervised study where this is deemed necessary.
- f) Spend a substantial amount of time at home working on assignments. You should expect on average to spend 10-15 hours (minimum) a week on your work at home. As a consequence you should not undertake too much part time work which could hinder progress (we advise a maximum of 10 – 12 hours per week)
- g) Prepare for all school assessments thoroughly with clear evidence of an extensive programme of revision (eg. *completed past papers, revision cards and notes*)

Expectations regarding attendance, punctuality and procedures for Newman Sixth:

- a) Attend college on all school days other than when absence is unavoidable through illness or official commitments. In addition you must:
 - I. Register your attendance with your tutor by attending morning registration or by signing in with the sixth form team
 - II. Attend all assemblies
 - III. Attend all lessons associated with your Sixth Form courses and the Sixth Form PSHE / GCSE Maths and English resits if applicable.
 - IV. Phone the sixth form team on day 1 of absence to report it. On the day they return to school, students must then complete a self-certification form to explain the absence. However, if the absence is for longer than 3 days, a note must be provided from a parent.
 - V. Notify the sixth form team and tutors in advance of any planned absences – note that driving lessons are not permitted to be taken during school hours and holidays should not be taken in term time and will not be authorised.
 - VI. Maintain an excellent punctuality record as far as is possible.
 - VII. Catch up on any work missed as quickly as possible.

3. MONITORING PROGRESS: GREEN AND GOLD SLIPS:

- Teachers concerned about the work, progress or conduct of a student will refer their concern to the sixth form team through 'GREEN SLIPS'.
- Where a student performs well, exceeds expectations or makes a distinctive contribution to the Newman Sixth, a teacher will recognise this through 'GOLD SLIPS'.
- In addition, the Sixth Form Team will use a range of assessment, attendance and punctuality data to support evaluation of performance.

4. BURSARY STUDENTS:

All students who receive Bursary Fund must also comply with the requirements set out in the Bursary Fund Agreement Contract in order to be eligible to receive their weekly payments.

5. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Failure to keep one or more of the rules set out above will result in a staged intervention by Newman Sixth team. Persistent poor engagement will be assessed through the GREEN SLIPS, but generally the Sixth Form team will respond where a student:

- Receives 5 or more green concern slips in any one **half term**
- Arrives late to school more than 5 times in any one **half term**
- Has an attendance record of below 92% in any one **half term**
- Does not sign in / out of school or attending assemblies / PSHE sessions
- Is involved in a breach in the school's behaviour policy

The response to issues identified may involve **THREE** stages for routine issues:

Stage 1: A first written warning

Stage 2: A second written warning

Stage 3: A meeting with the Head of Newman Sixth followed by a final written warning and the agreement of a contract

In the event of a failure to respond to the agreed contract, the disciplinary procedure progresses to Stage 4 and 5 below:

Stage 4: A preliminary dismissal meeting with the Deputy Headteacher and Head of Newman Sixth – *the purpose of this meeting is to consider any exceptional circumstances ahead of possible permanent exclusion*

Stage 5: Permanent exclusion

Unaddressed, persistent poor performance lowers expectations for others in the community and has the potential to cause significant harm to the academic welfare of others.

6. SERIOUS INCIDENTS:

Serious incidents are subject to Suspensions and Permanent Exclusion (following statutory DfE Guidance and the Policy for the main school) and will, as a minimum, see the student immediately placed onto a Stage 3 contract. In line with the legal framework covering all schools and colleges, Suspensions and Permanent Exclusions will be authorised by the Headteacher.

7. STUDENTS FAILING TO COMPLETE COURSES:

i. General information about failure to complete courses:

Students join Newman Sixth agreeing to complete a course of size equivalent to 3 A Levels. They do so alongside a wider curriculum that includes General RE, PSHE and a range of re-sit and enrichment qualifications.

Newman Sixth **does not accommodate students dropping subjects at any point** unless there is specific medical evidence to support such a decision. Students experiencing difficulty may request:

- Additional help and support from both subject teachers and their tutor
- A change to an alternative Level 3 course if this is available, suitable and practicable. This will be at the school's discretion and will be limited by funding regulations and timetable restrictions.
- A complete change to all courses – possible in some cases early in year 12 and for students prepared to re-enter Year 12 and follow a 3 year programme.

Where these options are not what the student wishes, they may decide to leave the Sixth Form.

ii. Students who disengage:

Students are required to work hard, prepare for all internal and external exams to a high standard, do additional reading, complete additional lessons, and maintain quality notes within organised folders. They are required to produce additional notes and re-draft work where it is below the required standard.

Students who disengage from one or more of their learning aims (eg. an A Level; re-sit GCSE etc.) will be managed under the Disciplinary Procedure in Section 5 and will begin the procedure at stage 3. Disengagement will be evident through:

- Failure / refusal to attend lessons in one or more subjects
- Failure / refusal to complete assessments in one or more subjects
- Failure / refusal to complete work in class / in independent study
- Failure to prepare for assessments with clear evidence of revision
- Failure to maintain a quality set of course notes

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Safeguarding Policy

Anti-Bullying Policy

Work Related Stress and Harassment

ICT Policy

Staff Code of Conduct

Drugs Education Policy

Equalities Monitoring

DATE: September 2022

1. Does this policy have any implications for people of relevant protected characteristics (RPC)*?

Yes because the right to learn and to be safe in an atmosphere of mutual respect applies to all students equally.

2. If 'yes', will it advantage or disadvantage any particular group?

No because it should ensure that all students are held to the same high standards and can enjoy their learning.

3. How will this policy, if relevant, promote good relations between people of RPC and those without?

The policy seeks to establish a safe environment for all students regardless of their characteristics and as such it fosters mutual respect.

** Age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.*

Success Criteria

1. Suspensions will be significantly below the National Average
2. Data will show a steady decline in low level disruption

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